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Corps of Engineers to host public meetings to discuss upcoming ordnance investigation at the Former Camp Wolters

FORT WORTH, TX --The public is invited to two meetings concerning the upcoming ordnance investigation on property comprising what was once Camp Wolters and Wolters Air Force Base, military training installations in Parker and Palo Pinto Counties. The first meeting is to be held on Feb. 24 in Mineral Wells at the Mineral Wells Women's Club for the convenience of Palo Pinto County residents. An additional meeting, for the convenience of Parker County residents, will be on Feb. 25 in Weatherford, Texas at Weatherford College in the Mince Hall Theater. Both meetings will provide attendees with similar information. Sign-in for each meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the formal meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun an ordnance investigation on the approximately 23,000-acre site of the old military installations. This investigation is intended to determine the presence and extent of ordnance items remaining in the former camp area, and to make recommendations for future actions based on the results.

In 1940, the U.S. Government purchased approximately 23,000 acres, including the existing National Guard training area in Palo Pinto and Parker Counties for a World War II Army Infantry training facility. The U.S. Army used the site again from 1951 to 1956, and from 1956 to 1974 along with the U.S. Air Force. In 1974, the Department of Defense deactivated the camp. While Weatherford College and the Mineral Wells State Park uses some of the property and facilities, the major portion of the former Camp has been returned to ranching, agricultural, light industrial, commercial and residential uses. The Texas National Guard has retained approximately 4,000 acres for use as a headquarters and maneuver area. In May of 2001, local residents found hand grenades in a field located within the former camp boundaries. The Army Corps of Engineers performed a Time Critical Removal Action on 4 acres of land, removing and destroying over 100 live hand grenades.

For more information about the meetings or the project, call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-886-1482, or visit the project web site at www.formercampwolters.com.